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*Whereas, The longevity of the citizens of Indiana is increasing, and there has been growth in the population and the numbers of motor vehicles registered in Indiana;*

*Whereas, A greater number of vehicles on the road may mean a proportionally increased number of drivers who are impaired;*

*Whereas, A greater number of impaired drivers may mean a rise in the number of motor vehicle accidents;*

*Whereas, Medical practitioners licensed by the state, including physicians, nurses, occupational and recreational therapists, mental health practitioners, pharmacists, and ophthalmologists and optometrists, may be in a position to detect impairments to driving in their patients and clients at a point before actual harm; and*

*Whereas, These medical practitioners may be able to counsel their patients and clients on the risks of driving while impaired: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly  
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*



1       SECTION 1. That medical practitioners licensed by the state be  
2 encouraged to educate members of their profession to be aware of  
3 various impairments that may affect patients' and clients' driving  
4 proficiency that may be detected by the medical professionals in  
5 examinations and interactions with patients and clients.

6       SECTION 2. That medical practitioners licensed by the state be  
7 encouraged to alert and counsel patients and clients whose driving  
8 proficiency may be impaired to seek further treatment for the  
9 impairment or to seek an evaluation of driving skills.

10       SECTION 3. That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of  
11 this resolution to the health professions bureau, for its distribution to the  
12 board of chiropractic examiners, state board of dentistry, medical  
13 licensing board of Indiana, Indiana state board of nursing, Indiana  
14 optometry board, Indiana board of pharmacy, board of podiatric  
15 medicine, speech-language pathology and audiology board, state  
16 psychology board, Indiana physical therapy committee, respiratory care  
17 committee, occupational therapy committee, social worker, marriage  
18 and family therapist, and mental health counselor board, and physician  
19 assistant committee.

